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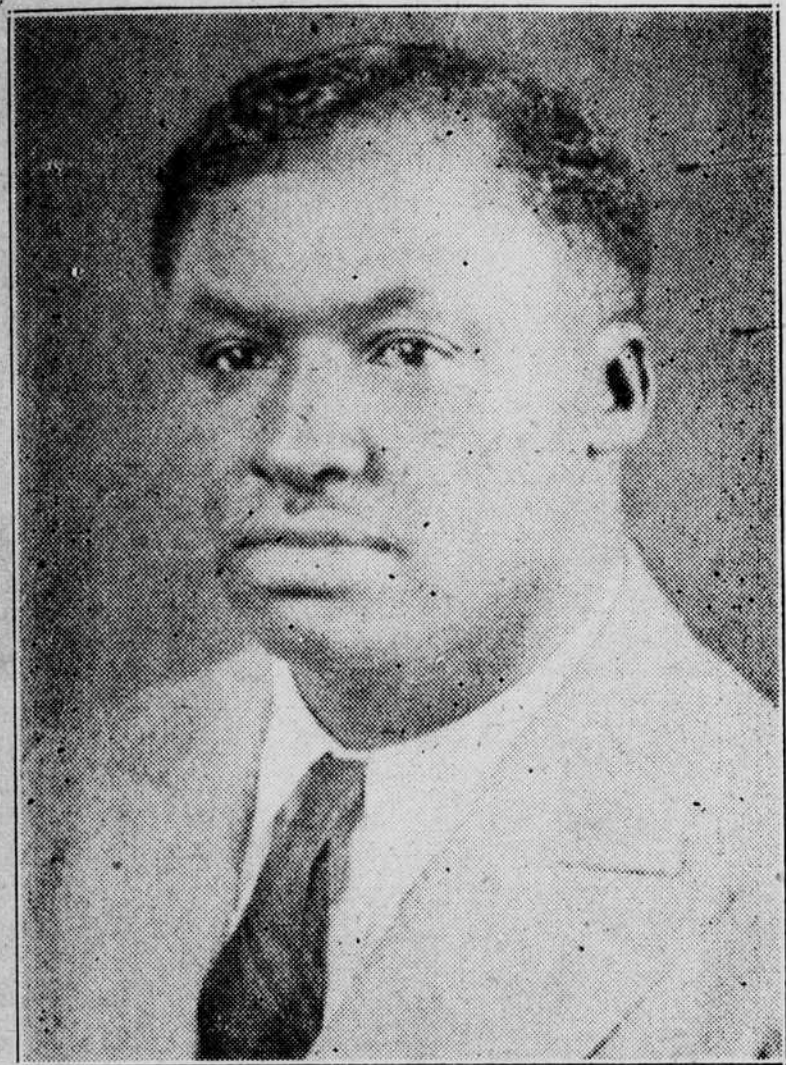
Our Motto: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

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NINTH GRAND LODGE AFRO-AMERICAN SONS DAUGHTERS TO BE HELD IN GREENVILLE, MI.

T. J. HUDDLESTON APPROACHES HIS NINTH SUCCESSFUL GRAND LODGE.



T. J. HUDDLESTON,
Founder and Custodian.

T. J. Huddleston, Founder and Custodian of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, has passed through 8 successful Grand Lodges, and it can be said for him that he possesses a faculty of mind above the ordinary. One of the great secrets of his soul is growth and development and that is done by getting the right understanding in this organization and today it stands out as a monument for generations to come.

As he enters into the Ninth Grand Lodge we can safely say he is sure of a success due to the fact that he is a Christian who has made progress in all lines of real endeavor with a well-defined idea of the object he desires to attain, as well as the manner or means by which he expects to attain it. It has been well proved that he is not here by chance, neither does he operate through mere chance. He always looks and works towards a purpose, and that purpose, we believe is centered in the Negro race. Therefore, we repeat the purpose for which he came had to do with the growth and development in the onward progression from the lower to the higher, and too, this accounts for the wonderful success he has had in the past 8 Grand Lodges. He realizes the question of vital importance is how to supply the needs for suffering humanity, thus, he is teaching through his great message to the people.

T. J. Huddleston is a worker of something indeed. What is it? He is seeking after these things which he feels that is needed and that something is a fundamental law of brotherly love. He is seeking earnestly and faithfully for that higher knowledge and understanding of truth which will make us free. Forgetting not his teaching we should be willing to lend every effort of co-operation in this Grand Lodge to help make it one of the biggest in the history of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters as they can make no mistake in calling this man one of the greatest in the history of the Negro race.

As he enters into this 9th Grand Lodge we should show our love for him for the great good he has done and is doing and the great achievements he has accomplished. His work is to pursue the way Afro-American Sons & Daughters accomplished and it is the aim and purpose of the members to be sincere, earnest and faithful in our effort, in helping him to make this the biggest and best Grand Lodge in its history.

CHARLIE W. STEWART.

PLANS FOR NEGRO FAIR HERE BEGUN.

R. J. Pierce and T. J. Huddleston, Jr., are making plans for a big Fair of many events for 1934. The hearty co-operation of our most successful farmers and industrial workers is assured. Reports from various sections of the county brought by Prof. D. W. Lindsay, county agent, are very interesting and encouraging. He also adds that among the many phases of his work he has vaccinated a number of hogs and is getting good results from his work. We are expecting better times this fall than we have had since 1930. Be sure to come and enjoy the different events.

MISSISSIPPI MEDICS MEET AT YAZOO CITY. SPECTACULAR OPERATIONS PERFORMED.

By ZANZYE H. A. HILL.

Yazoo City, Miss.—The beautiful new Afro auditorium was a virtual bee-hive of Surgical and Medical erudition when the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association convened in Yazoo City April 25-26. Dr. Martin Luther Smith, president of the association made a very interesting and convincing address on "THE INDISPENSABILITY OF THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER." Dr. Smith asserts that, "In a large sense the old fashioned general practitioner does not exist and should not, because any one trying to do everything which medical diagnosis and treatment offer would necessarily do much badly." He says that, "Perhaps a better designation of the wide awake general practitioner of today would be 'family physician' or personal physician or clinician."

He declared that, "The opinion of the specialist in regard to diagnosis should always be articulated with the views of the general medical adviser of the family. The specialist should not be needed for diagnosis where special technical skill is unnecessary . . . that the general practitioner is and always will be indispensable in the medical scheme is becoming more and more evident to the best minds of the profession."

In closing Dr. Smith expressed the hope, "That as the method of medical service to the people changes from time to time in order to adopt itself to the changing times and conditions of our changing civilization, the general practitioner may observe the need and not only point the way, but lead the way in whatever changes may be needed."

Clinics Held at Afro Hospital.

The clinics which were held at the Afro-American Hospital were of especial interest because of the dramatic surgical work performed, and the unusual specimens which presented themselves as a result of two spectacular operations.

The operations in particular which attracted the attention of the assisting and observing Medicos were: The first one performed on Wednesday—a delicate operation requiring calculations of anatomical exactness—a highly creditable piece of surgery to which the honors belong to Dr. R. E. Fullilove, of Yazoo City, who acted as chief surgeon, and Drs. Pinson, of Vicksburg, and Holmes, of

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AFRO DAY CELEBRATION.

All roads will lead to Mound Bayou, Miss., Tuesday, June 5, for the great celebration of Afro Day and Membership Drive. This Delta and State-wide celebration is in honor of Dr. L. T. Miller and Hon. T. J. Huddleston. For years, the people of the delta and state at large have wanted a day and night to devote fully to the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. There is not a better town in the sunny South for this celebration than Mound Bayou, a town founded and inhabited by colored people. The spacious auditorium of the Bolivar County Training School has been secured for the celebration. The auditorium will seat 1000 and is modern in every way.

The decorated automobile parade will be at 6:30 p. m. Come early and put your car or truck in the parade. "Cousin Tom" will lead and all others follow. We will decorate your car when you get here.

The program is listed elsewhere in this issue. It is something new and promises to be the best of its kind. Addresses and male quartette contest will be the high points in the program. Each F. S. will be given a chance to speak for his or her lodge. Each vocal solo will be a soul stirring one. All ex-hospital patients must come and tell of their treatment at the Afro Hospital. Hear "Cousin Tom" in his demonstration. Other items will be added to the program.

Each member in your lodge must start now and write as many members as possible for the celebration. The writer gets half the joining fee and turns the other half and applications over to the F. S. who will bring or send same to I. E. Edwards, Mound Bayou, Miss., before or by June 5th. Every lodge in the state must and should send some applications to this celebration. Lodges not over 50 miles away must have a delegation present. Make up truck load and come on time. All applications sent or reported from Lodges will be published in next issue of the paper. Will your lodge be listed? Every lodge sending over its quota or 10 gets a record book free. That means any lodge—listed or not listed. Be sure to get the applications and half of the joining fee in by June 5th to be reported. Program starts at 8:00 p. m. exactly. Don't forget the date. Tuesday night, June 5th. Mound Bayou welcomes you. Our goal is 200 new members.

I. E. EDWARDS,
Supreme Vice-President.

A COLLEGE EDUCATION OR NOT?

The Meaning of Education.

Webster's dictionary defines Education thus: "Education comprehends all that course of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the temper, cultivate the taste and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations."

This portion of the authentic Mr. Webster's definition of Education is exactly the part which inspires this comment. Most especially that portion which explains that education is, "to enlighten the understanding . . . and fit them for usefulness in their future stations."

The fact which so forcibly and profoundly presses itself on me today is the gravity of the lack of conscience and true idealism—on the part of Negro college graduates, in regard to their duty to humanity; and since charity begins at home this would naturally embrace first their own race who are so obviously in need of it.

It seems sad to admit this serious indictment—it is indeed an admission which will justify the criticism of the Nordic chauvinist who derides and ridicules the Negro for his superficiality—his veneer—his farcical imitations—but is it not true, especially below the Mason and Dixon line, that those Negroes to whom fortune has dealt a hand of opportunity and has willed them a college education and the enviable credential which evidences that title—consider it a certificate of right to special favor and profit among the masses of the uneducated lot of Ethiopians. They consider it a title to which the dusky element must bow—a title which endows them with the right to waive such traditional courtesies which is in this section a stamp of good breeding—certain of them refuse to exercise the ordinary amenities and civilities of good manners. A college degree bestows upon him the veneer which prevents his hands becoming soiled with the dirt of God's earth—the elements from which he was made and the elements to which he shall return long after his body has ceased to have been his spiritual temple. Ah! a farce converted into tragedy. The ludicrous turned into the pathetic.

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AFROS TRIUMPH IN GREENWOOD—106 MEMBERS ADDED.

Mr. Clister L. Johnson, Supreme Lecturer for the Afros, is due much credit for the recent success of the Afros in Greenwood, in the face of the closing down of most of the public work in that town and the general scarcity of money. He called a meeting of the three lodges in the city limits on the night of April 16 and launched the greatest membership drive that has ever been staged in Greenwood.

At this meeting all of the members showed interest in the plans of the Supreme Lecturer, and eagerness to put them into action, as a result each member pledged to bring in a certain number of members at the close of the drive and the groups as a whole dedicated themselves to follow every footstep and trace every path until the goal of 100 new members is reached. After expressions by several of the members including Rev. Higgins, pastor of Strangers Home Church, Rev. Whiting, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, Bro. C. S. Harper, of the Harper Lodge, Rev. C. W. Gayden and Bro. Jas. Lovings of the Strangers Home Lodge, and Bros. Eason and Jim Williams, of the Friendship Lodge, the meeting adjourned and the big drive was on to terminate May 1.

An automobile parade at 5:30 o'clock on the day of the drive gained the attention of the whole town. Several beautifully decorated cars led by the Greenwood colored band made up the parade. A packed house that night was a possible result of this exhibition.

The hundreds of people who crowded the Strangers Home Church at 8:00 o'clock for the meeting were inspired and entertained by a wonderful program. The crowning feature of it all possibly was the singing of the Greenwood High School Glee Club under the direction of the school. Mrs. Charlie Stewart, of Jackson, Mississippi, won the singing contest over a field of four. Hon. T. J. Huddleston, Custodian of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, acted as Master of Ceremonies and as usual was at his best. Mr. I. E. Edwards, vice-president of the Afro-Americans, and Mr. F. C. Huddleston, Supreme Inspector, made interesting talks in behalf of the organization. Prof. Wilkes, of the Greenwood High School, and Mr. Clister L. Johnson, Supreme Lecturer and sponsor of the drive, made a few interesting remarks. After this the drive was on again to be finished.

Total applications for the drive mounted to 106. Miss V. Arnold won the prize for writing the most members. After the meeting a banquet was given in the basement of the church in honor of the new members. This closed all events of the drive, and a banner day for Afro-Americanism.

On Wednesday, the 15th of August, people over the State will be making their way to the Q of the Delta, Greenville, Mississippi, to witness the best Grand Lodges ever held by the Afro-A & Daughters. There will be a number of new lodges in this Grand Lodge. There will be a number of new delegates, every county in the State, showing that we the entire eighty-two counties and broke the people that the Afro-Americans offer the protection that can be had anywhere. Lodges to start preparing for this great, looking for every lodge to be represented by more than three delegates. The representation will be \$2.00. Be sure to be there, and ride down the beautiful streets of the

STATE TEACHERS MEETING
MISS.

By MISS LURLEAN B. G.

The Mississippi Association of Schools met for its 28th annual School, Jackson, April 19, 20, 21. Association been received by a multitude of teachers. The attendance was the history of the organization.

This body of educators has for its theme: "Complete Education of Every Child, The State's Only Salvation. Education of the Head, Hand and Heart. To see this body in motion no one could doubt the whole hearted interest, efforts, energy, and sincerity of the great leaders of the Negro Educational System in Mississippi.

This can be shown in no better manner than by the splendid reports from the Departmental meetings, reading tests, and the superb exhibits, besides the various other talents demonstrated by the Negro youth from the four corners of the State. This only helps us to realize the strides being made by the Negro youth of the State and the marked improvement of our instructors.

Thursday morning and afternoon sessions were given over mostly to business. Thursday night addresses of welcome were delivered by the following distinguished persons: Dr. A. A. Lattin, Mrs. Maggie Dunson, Mrs. Eva L. Gordon, and Mr. H. H. Weathers. Music was rendered by Campbell College, Tougaloo College, Lander High School and Jackson College. The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. Chas. B. Austin, President of Tougaloo College, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the enormous crowd which packed the auditorium.

Friday brought many of note from the State Department of Education, Mr. P. H. Eason, Miss F. O. Alexander, Mr. J. H. Dean. The Executive Secretary, Prof. W. W. Blackburn, made his annual report. He reported a most successful year, with reference to the helpfulness, as well as the financial standing of the Journal.

Mr. W. C. Strahan awarded certificates of standardization to all schools scoring above seven hundred points. This score card is a guide for the betterment of schools. There are one hundred ninety-six such Negro schools in the State.

An especially good demonstration in Physical Education was presented by Miss Dorothy D. Gordon, Grenada. She was complimented highly for her expert work in this field.

This was election year and enthusiasm in this phase of the business reigned throughout the meeting. Miss F. O. Alexander, State Teacher Trainer, Jackson, was chosen by a large majority as President. Miss Alexander deserves congratulations, being the first woman to ever have this honor. The other officers are as follows: Mr. N. D. Taylor, Yazoo City, Vice President; Mr. G. W. Williams, Durant, Recording Secretary; Mr. J. B. Greene, Gulfport, Treasurer; Miss D. H. Harris, Meridian, Assistant Secretary. Prof. W. W. Blackburn, Jackson, was unanimously re-elected Executive Secretary and Editor of the Journal.

Friday evening was concert night, with Prof. W. T. Daniel in charge. There was a vast improvement over all previous records. Some of the most talented of our State was presented to hundreds who thronged the auditorium.

Saturday business was arranged for the coming year. The meeting was adjourned with the best wishes and prayers for its future success from the entire State of Mississippi.

THANKS.

To the officers and members of Strangers Home, Harper and Friendship lodges of Greenwood, Mississippi: I wish to thank you for the hearty co-operation that you extended me in putting over the drive for Greenwood. The drive would have been far from a success without your co-operation. May your lodges continue to grow to help build a great organization for the Negro Race and a Great Negro Race for America.

CLISTER L. JOHNSON, Supreme Lecturer,
Afro-American Sons & Daughters.